

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS)
MACHINES CORPORATION,)
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Plaintiff,)
) C.A. No. 16-122-LPS
v.)
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GROUPON, INC.,)
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Defendant.)

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Courtroom 6B

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BEFORE: THE HONORABLE LEONARD P. STARK
United States District Court Judge

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1 THE COURT: Good afternoon. I'll
2 have you put your appearances on the record
3 first, please.

4 MR. MOORE: Good afternoon, Your
5 Honor. David Moore from Potter, Anderson on
6 behalf of IBM. With me today from the Desmarais
7 Firm are John Desmarais.

8 MR. DESMARAIS: Good afternoon,
9 Your Honor.

10 MR. MOORE: Karim Oussayef, Laurie
11 Stempler. And in the row behind that are
12 Michael Matulewitz-Crowley, Robert Harris and
13 Brian Matty. We also have summer associates
14 viewing the hearing today, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: That's fine. Thank
16 you. Welcome everyone.

17 MR. DAY: Good afternoon, Your
18 Honor. John Day from Ashby & Geddes for
19 Groupon. With me from Fenwick & West, David
20 Hadden. Saina Shamilov. Phillip Haack. In the
21 back row, Athul Acharya and Jessica Benzler.

22 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

23 Welcome again to everyone. So
24 we're here for the pretrial conference for the

1 trial that is set to begin July 16th. As I'm
2 sure you have seen, last week we docketed the
3 opinion on the Daubert motions and the motions
4 in limine as well as some other issues in the
5 pretrial order. Earlier today we docketed the
6 opinion on summary judgment.

7 So my agenda for today there is
8 the motion to strike related to the supplemental
9 damages report. We'll start with argument on
10 that. There is a few open issues that I
11 identified in the motion in limine opinion and
12 maybe a few others that I have noticed, so I'll
13 bring those up with you. And I'll certainly
14 give you all an opportunity to present any other
15 issues that you might like.

16 We'll run through at least briefly
17 some of the mechanics of what the trial will
18 look like. Are there any questions before we
19 begin all that? From IBM?

20 MR. DESMARAIS: None from the
21 plaintiff, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: How about from
23 Groupon.

24 MR. HADDEN: No, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Let's start again with
2 argument, limited argument, but some argument if
3 you wish on Groupon's motion to strike.

4 MS. SHAMILOV: Good afternoon. I
5 think IBM laid out the issues. I will address
6 some of the issues that opposing counsel may
7 bring up in opposition, but basically the report
8 was served too late, there was no new data that
9 the report relies on. We did not consent to
10 service of that report. The submission of the
11 report could have been presented in the opening
12 report and included there, they were not, just
13 right now it's just too late to serve them. And
14 that's why it should be stricken, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: All right. I do have
16 questions about all of that. You say it's just
17 too late, but it's hard for me to understand
18 that. You know, a significant trial team even
19 just here in the courtroom, it's a three-page
20 update of calculations. We have what, a month
21 until trial. How much work would it really be
22 or why should I view it as too much to ask you
23 if you wished to file your own supplement?

24 MS. SHAMILOV: Yes, I think the

1 question is if we have a schedule and the
2 requirement and the order from the Court to say
3 when to disclose opinions and that deadline
4 passed six months ago, and there is no data that
5 was produced or provided or nothing new
6 happened, and the information and the opinions
7 that should have been disclosed six months ago
8 are now disclosed now, which significantly
9 changes the damages figure in the case and we're
10 preparing -- the trial starts in four weeks, we
11 will need to, you know, prepare a rebuttal. If
12 Your Honor is somehow inclined to allow that in,
13 I think the other side needs to pay for the fees
14 and the legal fees and our expert fees to
15 prepare a response because we would have
16 responded to this in our rebuttal to their
17 opening damages report and there was absolutely
18 no reason why they shouldn't have or couldn't
19 have included the opinion that they serve now
20 six months ago when it was actually due.

21 THE COURT: So I guess we'll need
22 to bring this down a little bit. They served
23 interrogatories. They served request for
24 production of documents. It asked for various

1 financial information and I think it said
2 through the present.

3 MS. SHAMILOV: Correct.

4 THE COURT: And you have an
5 obligation to supplement, they have an
6 obligation to supplement their expert report.
7 And there are practices that I have some
8 knowledge of. Why didn't Mr. Housman reasonably
9 assume that sometime before trial he was going
10 to get, given all of that, some additional
11 financial information from Groupon?

12 MS. SHAMILOV: I think you could
13 assume it, but I don't think that has anything
14 to do with whether he could or couldn't have
15 estimated the calculations that he's presenting
16 now six months ago.

17 Also, I think generally when you
18 -- when the plaintiff request information
19 through trial and expects to supplement the
20 report, the interrogatories and RFPs call for
21 information either through -- give me a
22 financial information from date X or give me
23 financial information from date X through trial.
24 They didn't do that. Instead they served

1 discovery that said give me financial
2 information from the date X through the present.
3 That is not what generally plaintiffs ask in
4 these situations.

5 THE COURT: Wasn't it at least a
6 reasonable mistake, if that's what it was, when
7 they said through present that they thought you
8 would know that meant he better update you
9 through the present day as we get closer to
10 trial?

11 MS. SHAMILOV: If it was an
12 interrogatory response that may be a mistake,
13 but there were multiple discovery requests that
14 were phrased that way. And so -- and then plus
15 there is -- we are so close to trial, they
16 themselves cite to cases in their briefing that
17 says to the extent there is no damages for a
18 particular period before trial, if the jury
19 returns damages verdict Your Honor can take into
20 consideration that verdict, and if there was a
21 missing damages period presented to the jury and
22 adjust it if necessary at that time, so that is
23 certainly what Your Honor can do if the jury
24 returns with a damages verdict.

1 THE COURT: But I would have
2 thought that probably cuts against you. I mean,
3 why not, we're going to have a jury here, you're
4 going to present your damages theories, why
5 should I invite potential further litigation
6 after trial when we could just resolve it at
7 trial?

8 MR. HADDEN: This would be a
9 nonissue if we win.

10 THE COURT: Well, that's true.
11 All right. Anything else you want
12 to add?

13 MS. SHAMILOV: Not at this moment,
14 Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Let me hear from IBM.

16 MS. STEMPLER: Good afternoon.
17 Laurie Simpler on behalf of IBM.

18 With respect to the discovery
19 request of the interrogatories that we issued,
20 we also included an instruction that said that
21 we were expecting Groupon to supplement their
22 responses in accordance with Rule 26. And with
23 respect to one of the requests at least, request
24 number 33, that was not bounded by the present,

1 but we did expect that using that phrase they
2 would understand that we expected them to
3 supplement. Section 284 entitles IBM to a
4 reasonable royalty to compensate it for
5 Groupon's use of the patented technology. And
6 that use continues after the date that they
7 decided to stop producing data. We're talking
8 about a three-page supplement. It's just math.
9 And it's not even clear what their expert would
10 have to change in his rebuttal opinion because
11 his criticisms of Dr. Housman focused on
12 methodology and not the number.

13 In terms of we could have
14 estimated, we asked for updated data from them.
15 When we didn't get it -- this was back in May.
16 When we didn't receive it, then Dr. Housman
17 decided well, I'll use the next best thing and
18 I'll do my best to estimate.

19 THE COURT: There is reference I
20 think in your letter to other supplements of
21 other reports over the course of this
22 litigation. And I have this provision in the
23 scheduling order here that said you can't serve
24 additional expert reports without consent or

1 order from the Court. Were any of those
2 supplements ones that the parties expressly
3 asked each other for consent on?

4 MS. STEMLER: I believe one of
5 the corrected reports, Groupon did notify us
6 that they were going to serve a corrected
7 reports to deal with the additional Priceline
8 agreement the parties had also agreed because
9 that was new information, and it's the same
10 thing here under Rule 26 that in addition to
11 them being required to supplement, Dr. Housman
12 is required to supplement to account for
13 additional information which are the sales from
14 July 2017 through the present.

15 THE COURT: Anything else?

16 MS. STEMLER: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Any reply?

18 MS. SHAMILOV: Very quickly, Your
19 Honor, if I may.

20 THE COURT: Sure.

21 MS. SHAMILOV: Just very quickly,
22 Your Honor. Since the report was served, the
23 report, opening reports were served in
24 September. Their reply reports, supplemental

1 reports, depositions took place at the beginning
2 of 2018. At no point throughout this entire
3 period until May 2nd did IBM ask for
4 supplemental information or that we expect you
5 to supplement data regarding your sales through
6 July 17 or we're going to serve supplemental
7 reports from Dr. Housman. And the very first
8 time this was raised, we were actually
9 negotiating the pretrial order on May 2nd.

10 I think if rules mean anything,
11 this is just too late, Your Honor. And they had
12 many opportunities to raise it. That's all I'm
13 saying. Thank you.

14 THE COURT: Thank you.

15 I don't agree with the defense's
16 position. I am denying the motion to strike.
17 In my view, IBM is meeting its obligation to
18 supplement its expert report by supplementing
19 the damages figure of the damages it's seeking
20 through trial.

21 In part having looked at what was
22 served in discovery and understanding something
23 about the course of this litigation, I don't
24 think that what has happened here was any

1 surprise to Groupon. I don't think that Groupon
2 is prejudiced in any material way by it. I
3 think that they can fairly easily prepare a
4 rebuttal response if they wish to do so.
5 Alternatively, they can, although I'm not
6 ordering it, they can provide at this point if
7 they wish the updated data and the parties can
8 then all appropriately respond to it.

9 I also don't think that that would
10 be unfair or unduly prejudicial to either side.
11 You are all experienced trial lawyers. There
12 are a lot of you here. That's not a lot to do
13 in the next four weeks.

14 If there was any failing by IBM, I
15 would find that it's substantially justified and
16 largely harmless. I don't think Pennypack
17 factors apply, but if they do, they certainly
18 don't favor exclusion for reasons including
19 those that I have ready said.

20 And one other thing, at least in
21 my experience, damages experts frequently seem
22 to sit through the entirety of the trial. And
23 it seems to me that one reason they do that is
24 they like to have the opportunity to perhaps

1 respond a little bit to things that they see
2 happen in real time during trial.

3 Whether that's going to happen in
4 this case, whether I will permit it, whether
5 there will be objections, those are all
6 questions we will have to see, but I think it
7 puts it in context that what's happened here, if
8 it was any failing at all on IBM's part it's a
9 very minimal one and not really prejudicial to
10 the defendants. And it's something defendants
11 can deal with I think quite easily. So the
12 motion is denied.

13 Any questions about that?

14 MS. SHAMILOV: No, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Any questions?

16 MS. STEMLER: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Let's move on to some
18 other issues. There might be a dispute about
19 whether joint infringement is being alleged and
20 if so, which patents. And so let's first find
21 out if IBM thinks it's asserting that, and if so
22 whether there is a dispute about it.

23 MR. OUSSAYEF: Your Honor, Karim
24 Oussayef for IBM.

1 Yes, IBM is alleging joint or also
2 called attributed infringement. And that theory
3 was disclosed both in its infringement
4 contentions and also in its expert report. And
5 both of those specifically related to the '967
6 and the '849 patents. Both of those were
7 specifically called out in both the infringement
8 contentions and its expert report.

9 THE COURT: These are the Philip
10 patents; correct?

11 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, that's correct
12 Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Do you understand
14 there to be a dispute on this?

15 MR. OUSSAYEF: I understand the
16 defendant's position is that we did not
17 adequately disclose joint infringement, although
18 I can't speak for defendants, that's my
19 understanding of their position.

20 THE COURT: Thank you. Let me
21 hear from defendants, is there an issue on this?

22 MS. SHAMILOV: Your Honor, yes,
23 there is an issue, to the extent during summary
24 judgment briefing the joint infringement

1 arguments made by IBM was not something in their
2 expert reports, so to the extent that is the
3 theory that will be advanced at trial, which we
4 don't know yet, which joint infringement would,
5 there is no supporting expert reports for that.
6 That's the nature of the dispute right now.

7 THE COURT: So as you probably
8 know, normally I would deal with objections that
9 certain expert testimony is beyond the scope of
10 what was fairly disclosed at trial. Is
11 defendant asking me to depart from that practice
12 on this dispute or is this something we can deal
13 with at trial?

14 MS. SHAMILOV: I guess it would be
15 good for us to know IBM isn't expecting or
16 intending to advance the joint liability issue
17 as articulated in their summary judgment motion
18 now.

19 THE COURT: So you agree that they
20 preserved the right to proceed on joint
21 infringement, but the articulation of the theory
22 that you saw in the briefing on summary judgment
23 you say was not disclosed?

24 MS. SHAMILOV: Correct.

1 THE COURT: All right.

2 Mr. Oussayef, I don't know if that helps, or do
3 you have anything to say in response?

4 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, Your Honor. I
5 believe this is an issue that could have
6 properly been raised at summary judgment. This
7 was a position that Groupon took with respect to
8 the '601 patent. They allege that our theory
9 had somehow changed. We disagreed with them. I
10 think the proper procedure is if they believed
11 that the theory has changed, they could have
12 brought it up at summary judgment. To put it in
13 a new issue in the pretrial order doesn't seem
14 to make sense particularly in light of the fact
15 that there is specific citation in footnote
16 three to the pretrial order that specifically
17 outlines exactly where those theories were
18 produced and disclosed.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 Ms. Shamilov, anything you want to
21 say in response?

22 MS. SHAMILOV: I think the parties
23 are bound by what their experts disclose. There
24 is no such thing as a waiver, that is not

1 pointing something out in the summary judgment
2 which I think we did, but I don't think that
3 means that their expert can talk about stuff
4 that's not in their expert report.

5 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
6 So I am going to the extent there is a conflict
7 here defer resolving it until it comes up if it
8 does at trial. I think the parties are in
9 agreement, and certainly this is my finding,
10 that IBM has disclosed some theory of joint
11 infringement of the '967 and '849 patents. IBM
12 has an obligation, as both parties do, to have
13 fairly disclosed any expert support for that
14 theory, including in any expert reports,
15 declarations and depositions. There is a
16 process discussed I think in the pretrial order,
17 if you have questions about it, you'll let me
18 know, whereby you will disclose on a witness by
19 witness basis whatever exhibits you intend to
20 introduce through that witness as well as any
21 demonstratives you intend to use. Typically
22 that gives you a pretty good clue as to what
23 testimony is going to be proffered, and to the
24 extent that doesn't, then as you hear it, you

1 have the right to stand up and object. And if
2 there are objections that something was not
3 fairly disclosed previously, we'll deal with
4 those at trial.

5 Any questions about that?

6 MR. OUSSAYEF: No, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Questions?

8 MS. SHAMILOV: No, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Okay. How about
10 doctrine of equivalents. For what patents, if
11 any, is IBM asserting doctrine of equivalents
12 infringement? I want to make sure similarly we
13 don't have a dispute as to what's going to be at
14 issue here.

15 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, Your Honor.
16 IBM is alleging doctrine of equivalents theory
17 for the '849 patent. I think there was -- I did
18 read Your Honor's opinion from earlier today
19 where there was a footnote that expressed that
20 perhaps there was some confusion over the
21 doctrine of equivalents theory. I think the
22 reason why the issue did not come up during
23 summary judgment is our doctrine of equivalents
24 theory is not specific to what Groupon was

1 alleging in its summary judgment brief. So, for
2 example, Groupon was arguing that, you know,
3 areas had to be fixed and separate, and our
4 doctrine of equivalents argument is not about
5 whether things are fixed or separate, so that's
6 why it did not come up during summary judgment
7 briefing.

8 THE COURT: But you're only
9 proceeding on a doctrine of equivalents on the
10 '849?

11 MR. OUSSAYEF: Excuse me, also the
12 '601 patent. I apologize, Your Honor. So the
13 '601 patent is a theory that Your Honor
14 discussed in the opinion from earlier today.
15 That is also doctrine of equivalents.

16 THE COURT: Thank you. Do
17 defendants understand that and/or have any
18 objection to that?

19 MR. HADDEN: No. We understand
20 that, Your Honor. I think we'll deal with it as
21 Your Honor suggest at trial to the extent it
22 goes beyond their expert report or goes to
23 what's covered by the prior art.

24 THE COURT: Thank you. Let's talk

1 about where we are on objections based on
2 authentication. I'll let plaintiffs address
3 this first.

4 MR. OUSSAYEF: Your Honor, with
5 respect to authentication, I believe there had
6 been a proposal by defendants about the
7 stipulations that might be able to be stipulated
8 to regarding authenticity. I understand that
9 Your Honor rejected that proposal, but also told
10 the parties to be prepared to discuss
11 authenticity with specificity here today. So
12 with that in mind, the parties have discussed
13 earlier this morning about what procedures to
14 proceed by in order to make sure that all
15 parties understand how authentication challenges
16 will proceed. And we do have a proposal for
17 Your Honor. And I believe we're on the same
18 page as Groupon. I would like to read that into
19 the record and make sure that we're all on the
20 same page.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 MR. OUSSAYEF: So our proposal is
23 that Groupon will disclose all exhibits relevant
24 to invalidity that it will use at trial on June

1 29th. And that's the date that Your Honor
2 ordered with respect to narrowing contentions.

3 And on that date, then IBM will
4 later identify its authenticity objections with
5 respect to those exhibits on July 3rd, 2018. So
6 that's a few days afterwards. And the parties
7 will meet and confer regarding those
8 authenticity objections with specificity on July
9 7th, 2018.

10 And in that way, the universe of
11 potential exhibits with authentication
12 challenges will be narrowed before the parties
13 discuss authenticity with specificity and try to
14 narrow the issues in dispute.

15 THE COURT: In the course of that,
16 there was some back and forth about witnesses
17 and who might come to lay a foundation if need
18 be. What does your proposal say about that?

19 MR. OUSSAYEF: There is no
20 specific proposal with regard to that. Your
21 Honor, IBM's position would be that on the
22 witness list there is no person identified with
23 specificity regarding custodians that could
24 testify about authenticity. So it's IBM's

1 position that Groupon has not disclosed any
2 witness, it has simply said that it reserves the
3 right to bring a custodian, presumably to be
4 named later that we have no idea who that is.
5 To the extent Groupon wanted to preserve a
6 witness to testify about authenticity, it had
7 the opportunity to do so and has not done so.
8 So IBM would ask the Court to strike the
9 reference to unnamed custodians because there is
10 no information that IBM can use to prepare its
11 case with regard to who those custodians would
12 be. And even if Groupon was of the perspective
13 that there should be no authenticity objection,
14 then it should have doubly made sure to put
15 witnesses on its witness list to address any
16 authentication challenges.

17 THE COURT: Thank you. Let me
18 hear from Groupon.

19 MS. SHAMILOV: Your Honor, I think
20 generally the agreement was correctly read, but
21 there is a wrinkle to that. So this will
22 resolve the authenticity objections to
23 invalidity type of exhibits, but IBM is
24 objecting to other documents on our exhibit list

1 on this ground. And we're not sure yet what the
2 nature of that objection is because they're
3 actually authenticity objections to documents
4 that are on IBM own list and to documents that
5 IBM itself produced in this case, and so when we
6 discussed before coming into the courtroom, we
7 also, at least Karim can correct me if I'm
8 wrong, agreed that on June 29th when we will
9 identify which particular invalidity references
10 they may bring up in trial, IBM will identify
11 their own non-prior art exhibits on our list, it
12 will continue to maintain an authentication
13 objection and then we can cure whatever that
14 objection is in the parties' discussions as
15 outlined by Karim and in agreements July 3rd and
16 July 7th.

17 As to the witness on our list, we
18 have no -- because we don't have an idea, right
19 now every single invalidity reference on our
20 list is objected as not authenticated. We have
21 no idea what the specific objections will be at
22 issue here. And so once those are identified,
23 we'll be able to cure any issues to the extent
24 IBM raises any specifically in this proposal, so

1 we don't agree that we cannot raise the issue.
2 I think also the authentication objections are
3 something Your Honor will probably decide, and
4 so we can sort of resolve those disputes outside
5 of the jury hopefully and that won't need to be
6 an issue in front of the jury.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

8 Mr. Oussayef.

9 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, I do have a
10 point of clarification, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MR. OUSSAYEF: So we went back and
13 looked at the exhibits that we objected to on
14 authentication grounds, and we don't understand
15 what exhibits there are that are not related to
16 prior art that Groupon intends to rely that we
17 objected to on authentication. So we would
18 propose that to the extent there is an exhibit
19 that's there that is for something other than
20 prior art that Groupon would identify that they
21 intend to use that exhibit, too, because from
22 our perspective, we see, for example, the screen
23 shot of a website that's kind of bare but that
24 we don't know what it is, and that's our

1 authentication objection. And we're not sure,
2 perhaps Groupon intends to use it for something
3 other than prior art, but from our perspective,
4 it looks like the exhibits where we objected to
5 authentication are ones that they're intending
6 to use it on prior art. To the extent that
7 they're using it for something different, we
8 would ask that they identify that so that we
9 understand the context of where those exhibits
10 are being used.

11 THE COURT: Is it not correct that
12 you've agreed before coming in today that by
13 June 29th, you will let them know of any other
14 documents that you object to based on
15 authentication issues?

16 MR. OUSSAYEF: So the procedure,
17 Your Honor, we outlined is by June 29th, they
18 will identify the exhibits that they intend to
19 use for prior art purposes, and then we'll
20 identify our authenticity objections with
21 specificity with respect to those objections.
22 We think that all of the things that we have
23 objected to on authentication grounds are things
24 that are relevant to prior art, but to the

1 extent there is not, we want to know what they
2 are going to be used for.

3 THE COURT: All right.

4 MS. SHAMILOV: I think I can
5 clearly resolve this if IBM represents that
6 they're not objecting on authenticity basis to
7 anything that's not going to be used, solely for
8 documents that we may use for prior art. For
9 example, there are screen shots from Groupon's
10 website that are being objected to on
11 authenticity basis. That is not a prior art
12 issue.

13 So long as IBM's position is that
14 their authentication objection is only to prior
15 art references, I think our proposal that we
16 discussed will work and that means all the other
17 authentication objections that are currently on
18 our list are dropped. Other than that, I just
19 don't see how else we will know what an
20 authentication objection is to prior art.

21 THE COURT: What's IBM's response?

22 MR. OUSSAYEF: I think there is a
23 way, Your Honor, that this can all be avoided
24 which is that Groupon can just identify which

1 exhibits it intends to use that have
2 authenticity challenges, you know, pending on
3 them, and then we will identify our
4 authentication challenges with specificity,
5 regardless of whether they pertain to prior art
6 or not. There is a small handful, a couple of
7 dozens of objections on authenticity. It's
8 pretty manageable. It should be much more
9 manageable once we get to a situation where we
10 know what the universe of prior art is. To the
11 extent there is a handful of exhibits that
12 Groupon intends to use at trial that doesn't
13 relate to prior art, we'll understand what those
14 exhibits are, too, and we'll be able to figure
15 out exactly what's at issue.

16 THE COURT: Is that agreeable?

17 MS. SHAMILOV: I cannot agree to
18 that, Your Honor, because they're asking for a
19 preview of exhibits that we're going to use at
20 trial that are not prior art related. We seek
21 when trial commences, outside of the strategy of
22 trial, to identify exhibits. So I think -- I
23 mean, I think it's what -- they have objected to
24 the authentication stipulation which was

1 reasonable. I think it's for IBM to identify
2 with specificity what it is that they believe is
3 not authentic outside of the prior art realm on
4 the date when we will identify the prior art.
5 And then we can resolve the issues hopefully
6 before the trial commences.

7 THE COURT: Here what is we're
8 going to do. I'm directing that you all meet
9 and confer and get me a revised proposal by the
10 end of the day tomorrow. You have the outlines
11 of a proposal, but I don't think it's fair to
12 ask the defendant to disclose exhibits they're
13 going to use at trial for which the plaintiff
14 has an unspecified authentication objection.
15 It's for the plaintiff to identify which, if
16 any, authentication objections it wants to press
17 based on what it knows at this point.

18 Now, I'm not saying that it's a
19 bad idea for the defendant to disclose what
20 prior art documents it's going to use. I think
21 that's a good idea, but in parallel with that,
22 somehow the plaintiff has to identify for the
23 defendant what else it might want to press an
24 authentication exhibit on, so there is going to

1 have to be a series of steps. I'm fine with you
2 all concluding that process with a meet and
3 confer on July 7th.

4 I'm going to add to it that by
5 let's say July 8th, you get a joint status
6 report to me so I know whether there are any
7 remaining objections to authentication that are
8 ripe and if so, how you propose to deal with it.
9 I'm hoping the day doesn't come, but if it does,
10 I can tell you I think I would probably let the
11 defendant produce a witness or witnesses if
12 that's the only way to authenticate these
13 exhibits. I don't think that they're unfairly
14 prejudicing the plaintiff in not being able to
15 identify with specificity the individuals when
16 the plaintiffs have not yet specified exactly
17 why they're objecting based on authentication
18 grounds. But exactly what we'll do after July
19 8th to resolve any remaining objections, I'll
20 look for your proposals first.

21 But get me some kind of proposal
22 tomorrow for how we're going to get there. Any
23 questions about that?

24 MR. OUSSAYEF: No, Your Honor.

1 Thank you.

2 THE COURT: Any questions?

3 MS. SHAMILOV: No, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Let's talk about the
5 issue of closing the courtroom. You saw my
6 inclination not to close the courtroom. Does
7 IBM want to talk about that?

8 MS. STEMLER: Yes, Your Honor.
9 Thank you. On the issue of clearing the
10 courtroom, IBM has an active licensing practice
11 and there are confidential sensitive financial
12 terms in its license agreements. To the extent
13 that those terms get disclosed, that can injure
14 IBM because it would give competitors or
15 potential future licensees the ability to
16 undercut IBM in future negotiations. It also
17 would reveal information about IBM's licensing
18 strategy. Not only does it harm IBM, disclosure
19 would harm the non-licensee parties to those
20 agreements because they also have accepted the
21 terms and the confidential financial terms of
22 those agreements.

23 On balance the injury to the IBM
24 nonparty outweighs any interest the public could

1 have in having access to the detailed terms of
2 IBM's confidential agreements. This isn't a
3 case where everything is centered on a core
4 dispute involving license terms. And the
5 sealing would really pertain to a handful of
6 witnesses and to select portions of their
7 testimony.

8 In contrast, if it's an open
9 courtroom, IBM will have to notify the licensees
10 of the potential for disclosure and give the
11 licensees an opportunity to intervene and seek
12 further protection from the Court.

13 THE COURT: Should I understand
14 that the licensees are not aware of this
15 potentiality?

16 MS. STEMPLER: So when we had to
17 produce the license agreement we had to notify
18 them of production under the protective order
19 and their licenses would be designated outside
20 counsel eyes only and that was the disclosure
21 that they agreed to at the time. Obviously when
22 the licenses are disclosed in open court, that's
23 a different level of disclosure, so we would
24 have to reach out again to notify them of the --

1 THE COURT: I guess the question
2 occurs to me, how do I know that any of these
3 third parties even care or that they would view
4 themselves as being injured?

5 MS. STEMPLER: The licensees said
6 they were okay with disclosure under the
7 protective order on the outside counsel eyes
8 only basis, suggesting that if it was anything
9 more than that, that they would want to be
10 notified. These are confidential terms that
11 they have agreed to and having that become
12 public it could harm them in the future because
13 other parties would know what they've agreed to.

14 I would add that if the Court is
15 not inclined to seal the courtroom completely,
16 then IBM would respectfully request that another
17 way to deal with this could be to the extent
18 license agreements are admitted into evidence,
19 admit those under seal, and while the witness is
20 testifying about them to not publish the
21 contents of the license agreements on the court
22 monitors.

23 THE COURT: And how is IBM injured
24 and how do I weigh that against IBM wants to use

1 these licenses and use the Court's time and the
2 resources including citizens sitting on a jury
3 to ask for quite a lot of money?

4 MS. STEPLER: So the license
5 agreements in terms of IBM's use of the license
6 agreements, they would be used to -- really it
7 would be a discussion of IBM's licensing
8 practices and to show that these patents have
9 been successfully licensed in the past. The
10 issue really lies with the Groupon's damages
11 expert who has an analysis where he's going to
12 be talking about the amounts that these nonparty
13 licensees paid for a license to the patent, and
14 that's really where there is the sensitive
15 financial information that would be harmful to
16 both IBM and the nonparty licensees because then
17 other parties would know and the public would
18 know about the amount that they're willing to
19 accept or to pay.

20 THE COURT: I see that they would
21 know, but you brought this lawsuit. These are
22 relevant documents. You want to use them at
23 least in part affirmatively it sounds like
24 because you want to talk about your successful

1 licensing of them, of the patents. In doing the
2 balancing that you suggest I need to do, I'm
3 just having a hard time seeing why that balance
4 at all favors IBM on this point.

5 MS. STEPLER: I think it's just
6 that the injury in terms of the harm to IBM
7 would be that in the future other companies
8 would know the confidential financial terms that
9 were acceptable to IBM and would be able to
10 undercut IBM in negotiations perhaps, and just
11 that IBM's licensing strategy, detailed
12 licensing strategy and detailed financial terms
13 would be disclosed. And that's really the heart
14 of the injury. And the financial information of
15 the nonparty licensees as well.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
17 We'll hear from Groupon both on this and if
18 you're still asking that we close the courtroom
19 for other information.

20 MR. HADDEN: No, we are fine with
21 Your Honor's proposal to leave the courtroom
22 open.

23 On the licensing, you know, as
24 Your Honor notes, IBM is asking for a lot of

1 money in this case. And it is using these
2 licenses both as an argument to show that the
3 patents are valid and being used. And those
4 licenses are going to be a key aspect of this
5 case, both on damages and to rebut that argument
6 by showing what people actually paid for these
7 licenses. To come in here and claim \$250
8 million and then try to hide the ball as to what
9 the actual licensees who took licenses paid is
10 not fair, Your Honor.

11 In addition, the licenses provide
12 a defense to us on the '346 patent, so we're
13 going to need to discuss the specific terms of
14 those licenses as well as the amounts which is
15 clearly relevant to damages.

16 So if there is an issue with
17 notifying the third parties, IBM could have
18 notified the third parties. And knew it was
19 going to trial. It's been chugging along there
20 for months. There is no prejudice.

21 THE COURT: I assume if I made
22 this an order that the courtroom is going to be
23 opened that they will notify third parties if
24 they presumably have obligation to do so. I

1 don't know. They suggest at least in the papers
2 that there could be some sort of administrative
3 nightmare coming for all of us once they notify
4 all of those third parties. Are you concerned
5 about that?

6 MR. HADDEN: I'm not concerned
7 about it. I think they should notify them
8 already if they haven't, and I would be
9 surprised if they haven't.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. HADDEN: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Anything else?

13 MS. STEPLER: Just to clarify,
14 Your Honor, with respect to your question about
15 the public, there is no harm in the public not
16 knowing about the details of confidential terms
17 of IBM's license agreements. The jury will have
18 access to that. The public will still be able
19 to understand the disputes that are at issue in
20 this case without having access to the content
21 and the detailed information within those
22 agreements. I just wanted to further address
23 the question that you asked at the end.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. I'm

1 going to adhere to my inclination and make it an
2 order at this point, and I'll try to explain it.
3 So at this point I don't anticipate closing the
4 courtroom at all during the trial. Groupon is
5 no longer asking that I close it with respect to
6 discussions of source code, so that's a
7 nonissue.

8 I recognize IBM's concerns, but I
9 think, you know, the courtroom is presumptively
10 open. The public has a First Amendment right
11 for reasons that are well settled and that we
12 probably all understand. So I have to think
13 about what harm or prejudice has been asserted
14 that might begin to rise to that level or that I
15 should weigh against the public's interest and
16 here I just don't find it persuasive. IBM I
17 think should have known when they filed this
18 case that it's quite likely that their licensing
19 strategy and the specific terms of license
20 agreements would become public should they be
21 seeking damages, which they have been from the
22 beginning, and it's not a surprise they're still
23 seeking damages should the validity of their
24 patents be challenged, and it's not a surprise

1 that the validity of the patents had been
2 challenged, should there be a licensing defense,
3 which there is a licensing defense, there has
4 been in this case for quite some time, so I
5 think in order to understand this case, it's
6 important that the public have access to the
7 information on which the jury is going to make
8 their decision. And I don't think any injury to
9 IBM comes close to being significant enough to
10 lead to me closing the courtroom.

11 With that said, there is reference
12 to third parties. I have nothing in front of me
13 that indicates that any third party is in any
14 way injured or sufficiently injured to ask me to
15 do anything about that injury. There is what,
16 four weeks until trial. You know, if I hear
17 from third parties and they ask me to evaluate
18 this further, I'm sure that I will, you know,
19 have to pay attention to whatever they say. But
20 you know, both sides will have a chance to be
21 heard on that. And if I have to reevaluate,
22 I'll reevaluate.

23 The only further thing I would say
24 is I do want the parties to confer with one

1 another as we get close to this case where these
2 exhibits would be used, there might be some
3 redactions that I would approve of. If they're
4 sensitive stuff that is truly irrelevant to the
5 issues being tried, then perhaps the parties
6 will agree that can be redacted and if they
7 don't agree, perhaps I'll be persuaded to redact
8 it, but until any further order of the Court,
9 this trial will be fully opened to the public.

10 Any questions about that?

11 MS. STEMLER: No, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Any questions?

13 MR. HADDEN: No, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Okay. In terms of
15 when you call experts and I do the voir dire
16 basically and then at a certain point offer the
17 expert for a certain purpose, I want you to make
18 sure that you have conferred with the other side
19 about what language you're going to use when you
20 say we hereby offer this expert for whatever,
21 patent damages or whatever the case may be. I
22 don't want to have to deal with objections to
23 that language that you use. So disclose that
24 proposed language sufficiently in advance that

1 if the other side has a concern with it and you
2 can't work it out, you can raise it with me
3 before that witness is called to the stand.

4 Any questions about that?

5 MR. DESMARAIS: No, Your Honor.
6 That makes sense.

7 MR. HADDEN: No, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: In terms of voir dire
9 and the preliminary instructions, so I have made
10 a number of rulings already since you submitted
11 those last week including you now know I have
12 approved of the juror questionnaire. You will
13 have those responses at least some time before
14 jury selection.

15 You should also know, here is the
16 way I'll do jury selection. Some of you have
17 already seen it. But the jury pool will be
18 brought into the courtroom. They'll be in those
19 benches behind all of you. I will read
20 something about the nature of the case, and I
21 will read all of the questions to them. They'll
22 all be in yes, no format and there won't be any
23 follow-up built into the questions that I ask
24 because I will ask each of the members of the

1 jury pool just to think to themselves without
2 standing up, without raising their hand, without
3 talking in court whether they have a yes to any
4 question. And then we'll move into my jury room
5 and my staff will bring in jurors one by one who
6 tell my staff that they answered yes to
7 something and then when they come in, I'll make
8 a record with them by asking them do you know
9 what you answered yes to. I may ask a little
10 bit of follow-up, and then I will give each side
11 a chance for a very brief, if necessary,
12 follow-up questioning.

13 All that is a long way of saying I
14 want you all to put together a new version of
15 the voir dire as well as the preliminary
16 instructions. I'm talking about the voir dire
17 now that is consistent with that approach as
18 well as the rulings that I have given you, and
19 any rulings that might be forthcoming because I
20 don't need to see that again until July 11th.
21 So work together and get me something.

22 And so among other things I'm
23 hopeful you'll all agree on a very brief
24 statement that I could read to the jury about

1 what this case is about. I don't think they
2 need a lot of detail at the very beginning and I
3 think you should be able to work that out.

4 Also on July 11th, get me an
5 updated version of the preliminary instructions.
6 You had a lot of disputes in the version you
7 submitted the other day. I would be hopeful
8 that maybe you'll work some of those out, but
9 whether you do or not, get me a new verdict on
10 July 11th.

11 Before I ask you if you have
12 questions about that, another question I want to
13 hear your views on is am I going to be asked to
14 tell the jury pool that they are not to use
15 Groupon during the course of this trial? This
16 is an issue that comes up when very popular
17 internet programs are on trial, so if plaintiffs
18 can speak to that and if you have any questions
19 about what I see about voir dire and preliminary
20 instructions.

21 MR. DESMARAIS: John Desmarais for
22 IBM. No questions about the voir dire or
23 preliminary instructions. I do think that we
24 would want you to tell the jury not to use the

1 internet, not to use Google searches, not to
2 research the case. And I think in this
3 particular case that would have applicability
4 here because they're going to hear our theory of
5 infringement and if they're on the Groupon
6 website, they can do their practical test of
7 whether they agree with us or not. It seems
8 very dangerous to us.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Groupon?

10 MR. HADDEN: Your Honor, I think
11 your standard instructions to tell the jury not
12 to go do their own research, I don't see any
13 reason to instruct them not to use Groupon
14 during the course of the trial.

15 THE COURT: The problem is we all
16 know, I think, that just using Groupon would in
17 effect be doing research. I mean, they could
18 see some of the functionality that they're going
19 to hear about during the course of the trial.

20 MR. HADDEN: I think that's
21 different than going on and Googling to find out
22 about some technical feature. I think if
23 they're Groupon users, they're used to using
24 Groupon. Whether they do it during the trial or

1 not is not going to affect what goes on in the
2 jury room.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Desmarais,
4 anything further that?

5 MR. DESMARAIS: I would just be
6 repeating myself, Your Honor. I think you
7 understand our position.

8 THE COURT: I see that I raised
9 the problem for myself, but it was going to come
10 up eventually I suspect. I don't have an answer
11 to the question. I have had trials with
12 Facebook, I have had trials with Google, and
13 that's why I thought I should bring it up,
14 because the issue, if I don't deal with it
15 upfront, someone will ask me over the course of
16 a couple of weeks, you know, is it okay for me
17 to use Facebook or something to that effect.

18 I'm going to ask you all to think
19 about it further. If you form a joint position,
20 let me know that right away and I'll stop
21 worrying about it. If you don't, then I will
22 make a decision by the time we select the jury
23 whether I'm going to tell them anything about if
24 they can use Groupon or not.

1 In terms of final jury
2 instructions and the proposed verdict sheet, I
3 will need you to revise those as well. For that
4 I'm going to give you until July 18th, which I
5 think is the first Wednesday of trial. So I
6 hope that you will continue to meet and confer,
7 and as you refine your cases, I think some of
8 those disputes at least will go away.

9 To the extent there are remaining
10 disputes and the verdict is on the 18th, we will
11 find a time during the time of the trial for you
12 to argue those and that's one of the few things
13 that I don't charge time for during trial.

14 So let's talk about time at this
15 point. You probably understand that other than
16 the whole jury selection process and me reading
17 the preliminary instructions and me reading
18 final instructions, and any argument we have
19 about the verdict sheet and the jury
20 instructions, other than that, I think it's safe
21 to say that if I'm on the bench, somebody is
22 being charged time. The easy ones are your
23 direct examination of a witness, your
24 cross-examinations of a witness, your redirect

1 examinations of a witness, your opening and your
2 closing arguments are all charged to you. When
3 we meet in the mornings, because we will meet
4 before the jury comes in each morning, if there
5 are objections to admission of exhibits, for
6 example, I'm going to charge all of the time to
7 the objecting party, so whoever raises the
8 objection will be charged for their time as well
9 as the other side's response as well as whatever
10 time it takes me to articulate my decision.

11 Obviously with that, and with
12 everything, if I think somebody is abusing
13 things, then I reserve the right to shift time
14 or deduct time or whatever need be.

15 Expert objections or those
16 objections to expert testimony being beyond the
17 scope is one exception to the rule that I just
18 explained, so on those we do our best to
19 determine who won and who lost that objection.
20 And whoever prevails on the objection is not
21 charged any time for that objection. The party
22 that did not prevail is charged all the time, so
23 they're charged for their own argument, for the
24 other side's argument, and for whatever time I

1 took to resolve the dispute. We let you know
2 day by day where you are on time. And if you
3 have any questions, you are to let us know and
4 we'll do our best to resolve them as quickly as
5 possible.

6 All that said, you saw that I
7 think you can do this in 18 hours, but I will
8 hear argument for up to 20 hours. Now would be
9 the time to argue for more time or to ask more
10 questions about how we're going to keep track of
11 time.

12 First from the plaintiff.

13 MR. DESMARAIS: We are comfortable
14 with 18 hours.

15 THE COURT: How about defendant?

16 MR. HADDEN: Your Honor, given
17 that all four patents are going to stand in the
18 case, we think 20 would be helpful, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay. And any
20 questions about the time, Mr. Hadden?

21 MR. HADDEN: No questions, Your
22 Honor.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Desmarais?

24 MR. DESMARAIS: No questions, Your

1 Honor.

2 THE COURT: All right. I don't
3 think you need 20, but I will give you the 20.

4 MR. HADDEN: Thank you, Your
5 Honor.

6 THE COURT: So we'll enter an
7 order to make sure that each side has 20 hours
8 now.

9 Let me ask you this. We have had
10 occasion, including very recently, where a party
11 does not save any material amount of time for
12 their closing argument and that becomes
13 difficult for the jury. Other judges, including
14 judges in this court, I think either separately
15 count time for closing. I'm not going to do
16 that. You have 20 hours, that's set. But what
17 I'm contemplating doing is keeping a certain
18 amount of that in a bank and not letting you
19 touch it until we get to closings. I haven't
20 tried that before, but I'm thinking about it.
21 Any thoughts on whether I should do that and if
22 I were to do that, how much should I put in the
23 bank and not let you touch. Mr. Desmarais?

24 MR. DESMARAIS: I think an

1 hour-and-a-half would be a good amount of time
2 for closing. If you wanted to do that, that
3 would be a fair amount for us.

4 THE COURT: You have no objection
5 to me telling you there is 90 minutes you can't
6 touch until we get to closing?

7 MR. DESMARAIS: No objection, Your
8 Honor.

9 THE COURT: What do defendants
10 think?

11 MR. HADDEN: That's fine, Your
12 Honor. Since he gets to go twice at closing,
13 maybe save an hour for me.

14 THE COURT: Well, we'll try this.
15 I'll save an hour for both of you. So you have
16 20 hours, but unless you make a persuasive pitch
17 sometime when you get close to 19 hours that you
18 want to dip into your retirement savings, I'm
19 going to hold on to that last hour and give it
20 to you only when we get to closing arguments.

21 Okay. That was pretty much my
22 list of things I wanted to make sure to raise
23 with you, other than mechanics of how we'll run
24 the courtroom, which I'll get to, but are there

1 issues that IBM wanted to raise that I didn't
2 get to?

3 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. OUSSAYEF: The parties have
6 reached a couple of agreements that I thought I
7 would just read into the record to make sure
8 we're all on the same page. The first is the
9 parties have agreed that they will identify each
10 witness that they intend to call at trial by
11 6:00 p.m. two days before the party intends to
12 call that witness.

13 THE COURT: Is that agreeable?

14 MS. SHAMILOV: That's agreeable,
15 in light of the Court's instructions that once
16 we proposed exhibits, they're going to --

17 MR. OUSSAYEF: I think that's
18 already in the order in terms of a specific
19 procedure for when and how to disclose exhibits
20 as opposed to the witnesses themselves.

21 THE COURT: And you're in
22 agreement on that and you haven't changed from
23 what you proposed in the order; correct?

24 MS. SHAMILOV: Correct.

1 THE COURT: That's fine. Go on.

2 MR. OUSSAYEF: The second issue is
3 regarding the Court's motion in limine regarding
4 pre-suit communications. The Court's reasoning
5 was based in part on the fact that Groupon had
6 stipulated to particular dates of notice. Those
7 dates of notice are no longer in the pretrial
8 order and I believe that was the -- the parties
9 have agreed to put that information back in the
10 pretrial order.

11 And specifically what that
12 information is is that Groupon first became
13 aware of U.S. Patent Number 5,796,967, and U.S.
14 Patent Number 7,072,849 on November 1st, 2011.

15 Groupon first became aware of U.S.
16 Patent Number 5,961,601 on April 13th, 2012.
17 And Groupon first became aware of U.S. Patent
18 Number 7,631,346 on August 11th, 2014.

19 THE COURT: That's all agreed?

20 MS. SHAMILOV: Those are not
21 precisely the dates we agreed on.

22 THE COURT: Why don't you two
23 confer and make sure we get it right.

24 MR. OUSSAYEF: Your Honor, I

1 believe there is some minor question about the
2 exact wording that was in the original pretrial
3 order so the parties I think will confer about
4 exactly what that language was and I believe the
5 best way to do it is to amend the pretrial order
6 and I believe the parties will be able to reach
7 agreement.

8 THE COURT: Just submit, unless
9 you disagree, a proposed stipulation with the
10 language and the dates and do that sometime
11 before trial, obviously.

12 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, Your Honor.
13 Thank you.

14 THE COURT: Is that it for those
15 agreements?

16 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, that's
17 correct.

18 THE COURT: How about other things
19 that IBM wants to raise?

20 MR. OUSSAYEF: Nothing further
21 from IBM.

22 THE COURT: How about Groupon?

23 MS. SHAMILOV: One issue, Your
24 Honor.

1 THE COURT: Yes.

2 MS. SHAMILOV: It's an issue about
3 witness lists, Your Honor. I don't know if Your
4 Honor wants to decide it today, but I want to
5 raise an issue. There is one expert witness
6 that is identified as may call on IBM's list.
7 That witness was not disclosed as an expert
8 witness in our case. At some point during
9 discovery IBM produced an expert report from the
10 Priceline case that that particular expert
11 issued there, along with a whole bunch of other
12 documents from the Priceline case during
13 discovery. At no point was that witness
14 identified on Rule 26(t) report that was
15 produced as part of the production of the
16 Priceline documents had the, you know, the
17 caption of the Priceline case, the documents
18 reviewed related to sort of the Priceline
19 complaint, and so we were never on notice that
20 that particular witness is going to be an expert
21 witness.

22 So we have asked IBM to remove
23 that witness from the may call list, but as of
24 now, IBM has not agreed to do that. So this is

1 an outstanding issue.

2 THE COURT: Which witness is this?

3 MS. SHAMILOV: I don't know if
4 it's Dr. Stewart or Mr. Steward, but last name
5 is Stewart.

6 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Let
7 me hear from IBM if you wish to have the right
8 to keep Stewart on the may call list.

9 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, Your Honor.
10 IBM's position is that IBM's damages expert and
11 IBM's technical expert witness both rely on this
12 Stewart report that was produced in this case
13 and also in the Priceline case. And IBM has
14 Dr. Stewart on its witness list in case Groupon
15 intends to challenge the basis for the damages
16 or for the technical experts reliance on that.

17 We don't believe that Groupon will
18 do so because there is no specific challenging
19 of the Stewart report or the basis for those
20 surveys in -- the reports are disclosed during
21 expert discovery, but in the case that Groupon
22 does choose to make an issue out of it, that is
23 why Dr. Stewart is on the exhibit list.

24 THE COURT: Dr. Stewart did a

1 survey that the other two experts relied on?

2 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, Your Honor.

3 Everything was disclosed in discovery in terms
4 of what is required under the disclosure rules
5 for expert witnesses.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MS. SHAMILOV: On the last point,
8 that's not actually accurate, Rule 26, for
9 example, requires disclosure of all previous
10 engagements of an expert. The only engagement
11 that were produced in the case, that was
12 disclosed in the Priceline case and that was
13 only through 2016 that was attached to the
14 report. If the experts relied on the report and
15 want to talk about it in trial consistent with
16 opinions disclosed in the report, they can do
17 that. I don't think that means that IBM gets to
18 call another expert witness who was never
19 disclosed as an expert in our case and it's
20 simply a report from another case that was
21 produced as part of fact discovery along with
22 other actual expert reports from that Priceline
23 case. Dr. Stewart should not be an expert
24 witness called here live at trial.

1 THE COURT: Are you reserving the
2 right to question the other two experts who rely
3 on Stewart about Stewart because Mr. Oussayef
4 suggest maybe this is a nonissue?

5 MS. SHAMILOV: Well, I think we
6 might question him about the opinions that they
7 have reached based on, you know, whatever
8 documents they may -- unless we know exactly
9 what they're going to say, as of now we're
10 intending to challenge their opinion. But I do
11 say that regardless of how we're going to
12 cross-examine their witnesses, I don't think
13 that let's them under federal rules to bring a
14 new expert witness that they never disclosed as
15 an expert witness in our case, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
17 Anything else?

18 MR. OUSSAYEF: Just briefly, Your
19 Honor. Your Honor, I believe this is analogous
20 to what Your Honor decided on the authenticity
21 issue. We don't have specificity over how
22 Groupon intends to challenge or even if they do
23 intend to put this at issue in terms of what the
24 connection is between the damages and technical

1 experts reliance on the survey expert and what
2 might become an issue. If they intend to
3 disclose what they're going to do in terms of
4 questioning, you know, the witnesses on the
5 reliance on the survey expert, then that --
6 those issues will become relevant and that's
7 when we would call Dr. Stewart. In the
8 eventuality that we chose not to do so there
9 would be no need to do so.

10 I believe it's analogous to the
11 authentication issue where we should be -- we
12 should be able to rely on Dr. Stewart if Groupon
13 puts that issue to their own choice.

14 THE COURT: It sounds like maybe
15 he's a rebuttal type witness. Is this the kind
16 of thing that, you know, we don't necessarily
17 need to decide now and see how things play out
18 and if after you see the cross of your other two
19 experts, you think you need Dr. Stewart we can
20 decide at that point whether you can bring him
21 for your rebuttal?

22 MR. OUSSAYEF: Yes, Your Honor,
23 that's exactly the case.

24 THE COURT: Would that work for

1 defendants?

2 MS. SHAMILOV: That would only
3 work, Your Honor, if we get an opportunity to
4 depose Dr. Stewart before he takes the stand.
5 We didn't know he would be an expert testifying
6 in this trial. He can't just take the stand
7 without being able to depose him first.

8 THE COURT: Would you object to a
9 short deposition in that circumstance?

10 MR. OUSSAYEF: No, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Does that resolve it
12 for now.

13 MS. SHAMILOV: For now it does.
14 We still reserve our objection to them calling
15 Dr. Stewart.

16 THE COURT: I don't think you need
17 more from me on that. If it were to play out
18 that way that there was an objection, plaintiff
19 will let defendant know that they wish to call
20 Dr. Stewart as part of their rebuttal, we will
21 have the entirety of defendant's case at that
22 point in which to find time for a short
23 deposition. If they don't put him up for a
24 deposition, I won't let them call him on

1 rebuttal. Even if they do, if you want to renew
2 your argument that I shouldn't allow him anyway,
3 you can raise it then.

4 Any other arguments for Groupon?

5 MR. HADDEN: No, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Let me quickly run
7 through some of the mechanics of the pretrial
8 order and mechanics of the trial and/or if you
9 do have other questions. With respect to the
10 pretrial order, if the parties did not identify
11 a dispute on a certain topic and we haven't
12 talked about it today and I didn't say anything
13 about it in my order last week, then it is
14 acceptable and it is hereby adopted.

15 In terms of uncontested facts, as
16 I think you put in the order these facts may be
17 read to the jury by either side provided that
18 you give notice to the other side that you're
19 going to do it. And whoever stands up to read
20 them will be charged time for doing that.

21 In terms of the factual issues to
22 be tried, I asked you already my questions about
23 where I thought there might be some uncertainty
24 about what issues are going to be tried, does

1 IBM believe there is any dispute as to what is
2 going to be in dispute as the factual issues in
3 this trial?

4 MR. DESMARAIS: No, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Does Groupon have any
6 concerns about that.

7 MR. HADDEN: No, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: In terms of the legal
9 issues, we really handled those mostly in the
10 context of the jury instruction. I already
11 talked about how you will submit another version
12 and you'll have a chance to argue any remaining
13 disputes during trial. So I don't propose to
14 provide anything further in terms of legal
15 guidance now.

16 Exhibits, exhibits on the exhibit
17 list in the pretrial order that are not objected
18 to on the exhibit list are received into
19 evidence by operation of the pretrial order once
20 the exhibit is shown to a witness and offered
21 into evidence and the Court says it's admitted.
22 So that means if there is no objections, you
23 don't need to lay a foundation, but you do have
24 to say at some point when the witness is on the

1 stand, A, you have to show it to some witness,
2 and B, you have to offer it into evidence at
3 some point either at the beginning, during or at
4 the end of the examination of the witness. And
5 I will ask as a formal manner whether the other
6 side objects to the admission of that exhibit.
7 We know you'll say no, but we still go through
8 that whole process.

9 We do that same thing with respect
10 to exhibits for which there are objections on
11 the exhibit list. Those you usually narrow them
12 down once you see the actual exhibits that are
13 going to be used on direct, you meet and confer.
14 If there are still outstanding objections the
15 morning that you expect that witness to be
16 called, you'll bring those to my attention in
17 the morning. I will do my best to rule on them.

18 Let's suppose that I have ruled on
19 all of them, so let's just suppose I have
20 overruled the objections to amend the document,
21 we'll still go through that process of once you
22 show the exhibit to the witness at some point
23 you'll say we offer this exhibit into evidence,
24 I will ask the other side is there any

1 objection, you will say no, but we all know that
2 you did object, your objection is clear in the
3 record, you're not waiving it, but as far as the
4 jury is concerned, there is no objection to any
5 exhibit coming in. Any question about how we
6 deal with objections and exhibits?

7 MR. DESMARAIS: No Your Honor.

8 MR. HADDEN: Just one question,
9 Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 MR. HADDEN: Can an unobjected to
12 exhibit be shown to the jury before it is
13 offered in?

14 THE COURT: You mean like in
15 opening statement?

16 MR. HADDEN: Or also with the
17 witness who is going to --

18 THE COURT: If you know in good
19 faith that it's coming into evidence in that
20 circumstance, you would know, then you can use
21 it before it comes into evidence.

22 MR. HADDEN: Thank you, Your
23 Honor.

24 THE COURT: All right. In terms

1 of witnesses who are testifying by deposition,
2 if you're playing the video, if you want to run
3 the transcript underneath the video, you need to
4 make sure the other side knows that so when you
5 disclose to the other side here is exactly what
6 we're going to play, either show them that it's
7 going to have a transcript or at least tell
8 them. We have had disputes coming up during
9 trial that the parties aren't sure that the
10 other side wants to put the transcript on. It's
11 hard to deal with during the trial. If there
12 are going to be objections, I need to know about
13 that before you call that witness.

14 In terms of objections to expert
15 testimony, as we talked about, I will rule on
16 those objections during trial. As I said, the
17 time will be charged to the party that does not
18 prevail on that objection. As hopefully you
19 understand, I will not have read or memorized
20 all of the expert disclosures that are made
21 prior to trial, so you need to come prepared
22 with copies of your expert reports, declaration,
23 deposition testimony, so that if there is an
24 objection to certain testimony as being beyond

1 the scope, you will be able to hand me
2 everything the expert has said previously.
3 You'll be expected to be able to point to me
4 where it is that the expert fairly disclosed the
5 opinion that's now being challenged and I'll do
6 my best to as quickly as possible review that so
7 that I can make a decision as to who prevails on
8 that objection.

9 Examination of all witnesses is
10 limited to direct and cross and redirect. We
11 don't have recross-examination. You need to ask
12 for leave to approach a witness once for a
13 witness. If you have asked once for a witness,
14 you can assume that leave has been freely
15 granted and you can move back and forth as you
16 wish in examining that witness.

17 We do encourage transition
18 statements. Jurors usually really appreciate
19 that, just a brief non-argumentative statement
20 just telling the jurors who the witness is and,
21 you know, whatever they're here to talk about,
22 infringement, they're here to talk about
23 damages, whatever the case may be.

24 Any questions about any of that?

1 MR. DESMARAIS: No, Your Honor.

2 MR. HADDEN: No, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: We talked about jury
4 selection. The only other thing I'll add, we
5 end up with a jury of eight, none of whom are
6 treated as alternatives, so whether we have six,
7 seven or eight left when it's time for
8 deliberations, all of those who are still with
9 us will deliberate.

10 Any question about that?

11 MR. DESMARAIS: No, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Any questions?

13 MR. HADDEN: No, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: All right. And then
15 my list of what I call petty stuff, which
16 happily I don't think has grown lately. In
17 general, no chewing gum. No sucking candy. No
18 eating in the courtroom. That applies to you,
19 your witnesses, your clients, anyone within your
20 control. Please let them know that. If there
21 were some medical or other reason that you
22 needed to do any of those things, I will let you
23 do it, but please just approach my staff and let
24 us know, otherwise we'll assume that you're not

1 complying with our rules. You can drink water
2 in the courtroom, but only water. The
3 electronic devices that are in the courtroom are
4 for aid in the trial presentation, for
5 preparation of the trial presentation, they're
6 not for searching Groupon or doing deals or -- I
7 have to say that at least once during this
8 trial, you can have the devices but they're for
9 the purposes of the trial presentation. Please
10 turn your cell phones and your other devices
11 off. Please don't wear hats in the courtroom.
12 Please don't wear sunglasses in the courtroom.
13 And please don't read large newspapers in the
14 courtroom.

15 And this list is all derived from
16 experience from seeing all of these things
17 multiple times. Any questions about any of
18 that?

19 MR. DESMARAIS: No, Your Honor.

20 MR. HADDEN: No, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: If you were to make
22 any submissions after the normal trial day or on
23 weekends or on holidays, please make sure to
24 send a courtesy copy by e-mail. We have a

1 chambers e-mail address. I will read it to you
2 now in case you don't have it. It is
3 Judge_Stark_chambers@ded, for Delaware
4 District,.uscourts, with an S, .gov. So it's
5 Judge_Stark_chambers@ded.gov, so if you are
6 filing anything at those unusual times, please
7 make sure to send a courtesy copy to that e-mail
8 address.

9 That was all I have. Have I
10 raised any other questions in anybody's mind,
11 first from IBM?

12 MR. DESMARAIS: I did have one
13 question about your practice on impeachment. Do
14 you allow video clips or is it just the
15 transcript?

16 THE COURT: Right. Impeachment of
17 prior inconsistent testimony, you can use video
18 clips. I think that you all indicated you
19 wanted to have the opportunity to make
20 objections for incompleteness or for lack of
21 inconsistency, so if that's how you want to do
22 it, that's fine. But that means you have to
23 pause at least a brief amount of time before you
24 show a video clip so that the other side has a

1 chance to say we have an objection. It's not an
2 objection that it's a video, it's an objection
3 that it's incomplete or it's not actually
4 impeaching. To do all that, you have to call
5 out with clarity what it is, where you're going,
6 what day, what line, what page, et cetera. Any
7 further questions about that or anything else?

8 MR. DESMARAIS: No, that's good,
9 Your Honor. Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Any questions about
11 that or anything else?

12 MR. HADDEN: No, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Thank you all very
14 much. We'll look for your submissions and we'll
15 see you in July.

16 (Concluded at 2:15 p.m.)
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5 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
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7 I, Dale C. Hawkins, Registered Merit
8 Reporter, Certified Shorthand Reporter, and Notary
9 Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing record,
10 is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic
11 notes taken on June 18, 2018, in the above-captioned
12 matter.
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14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
15 hand and seal this 22nd day of June 2018, at
16 Wilmington.
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19 /s/ Dale C. Hawkins
20 Dale C. Hawkins, RMR
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